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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CYANIDE-FREE SOLUTION OF A GOLD
COMPOUND THAT IS SUITABLE FOR GALVANIC GOLD BATHS**

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We the undersigned, Gerhard HOFFACKER, Renate FRANZ, Ramona REITZ, Richard WALTER (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR");

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and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements;

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